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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to previous week; trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was overall light to moderate, best into fast food and restaurants. Supplies were mixed in availability, but obtainable to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement following the weekend was mostly fair. Breast items were more than sufficient, and dark meat was mixed, ranging barely adequate to fully sufficient for drums. Wings were adequate to tight and clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 06-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	64.00-66.00	65.83	12	66.14	23
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.76	41	63.42	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			61.90	24
Denver	79.50	79.50	13	78.77	15
Detroit	60.00-62.00	62.60	10	64.54	58
Los Angeles	80.00	78.28	68	71.08	162
New York	63.00-65.00	64.08	25	65.67	68
Philadelphia	62.50-65.00	63.55	11	62.41	23
Pittsburgh	63.00-65.00	64.27	11	67.07	53
St. Louis	60.50-60.75	60.38	21	62.15	42
San Francisco	80.50	79.80	35	77.92	79

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/06/04	Change/Last Wk	11/29/04	12/08/03
622	67.48	-.95	68.43	66.01

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	64.00-66.00	65.47	30
Central	59.00-67.00	65.26	76
Western	60.00-74.00	70.19	34
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	71.80	89

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 74.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,128	61.00-77.00	72.45

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	161.50	1,457
BREASTS - B/S	141.50	5,819
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,509
THIGH MEAT - B/S	70.00	1,055
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,778
WINGS	95.00	3,064

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in close balance to adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were more than sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to at least adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best where features and first of the month business was active. Food service was mostly moderate with optimism due to holiday shopping. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was best on wings with supplies balanced to close. Dark meat was mixed, best for leg and thigh meats, and breast items were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trading reported for this week's delivery at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate on small sized product and heavy weights were ample. Buying activity increased from last week in anticipation of first-of-the-month interest. Retailer demand was fairly good, best where featured. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported for this week's delivery: leg quarters 29.5-32 bulk and 4/10s mainly 32, boneless leg meat 70-75, boneless thigh meat 71.5-75, breast bone-in 75-87 and boneless 120-128, wings 98-103. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 60.22 down .24 with the volume reported down 4 percent from last week.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices generally unchanged from Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings moderate on limited trade call. All outlets noted demand light to moderate overall, instances fairly good into some fast food and restaurant accounts. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights were in desirable range. Supplies of wings and dark meat barely adequate to available, and breast items adequate to fully adequate. The market tone was firm on wings, steady to firm on dark meat items, and steady to barely steady on breast items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Weekend movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally fair. Seller offerings were in close balance to spot availability. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 78 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate for trade needs.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	60-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	67.92
NO. OF BOXES	8,056

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was generally fair entering the week as dealers limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient. Drumsticks were fully adequate, with the balance of dark meat cuts sufficient for trade needs. Wings were clearing satisfactory. Retail and distributive movement was mostly fair. The market tone was no better than steady for breast items. Other items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130		128.02	693,318
TENDERLOINS	110		109.15	120,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69		77.38	117,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	68		69.38	112,840
LEGS	42-43		40.71	285,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29		30.15	200,735
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		28.74	110,920
THIGHS	26-27		36.82	60,240
B/S THIGHS	76-77		67.88	98,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	93-94		102.32	132,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.05	39,920
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		26.19	12,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		70.54	17,720

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,498	105.00-198.00	117-122	121.63
TENDERLOINS	843	102.00-180.00	107-110	108.99
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	961	22.00-29.00	26-27	26.13
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,847	27.00-30.00	27-29	27.53
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	85.00-100.00	94-100	96.82
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	12/06	12/02	12/02	11/29	11/25
Alabama	4,181	4,076	5.26	3,777	(A)
Arkansas	5,583	5,503	5.07	5,482	Holiday
Delmarva	2,221	2,215	5.52	2,266	Holiday
KY-LA-TN	2,111	2,107	5.13	1,980	(A)
Mississippi	2,993	2,979	5.62	3,055	Holiday
North Carolina	2,513	2,547	6.49	2,475	(A)
Texas	2,499	2,496	5.19	2,522	Holiday
Total	22,101	21,923	5.41	21,557	4.77
Mon	22,101(B)			21,557(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Dec 2004 is estimated to be 33,066,000 up 2.22 percent from a week ago, and up 6.5 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,348,000 last year 31,054,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	(000)			AVG
BREAST - B/S	740	110.00-150.00	115-120	118.70
TENDERLOINS	253	102.00-170.00	107-112	117.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	68.00-76.00	72-74	71.58
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	78	30.00-49.00	32-34	34.38
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	510	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	935	25.00-32.00	28	27.81
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	90.00-97.00	90-92	90.82
WINGS (CUT)	605	108.00-115.00	111-113	111.97
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 06, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
39.00 - 45.50	42.61	41.31

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 06-DEC-2004 TO 10-DEC2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 132.00	116.00 - 132.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 90.00	68.00 - 78.00
LEGS	36.00 - 44.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24.00 - 39.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	87.00 - 109.00	93.00 - 100.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 65.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	94.5-98.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	98-102

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-67

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

#### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-108
ICE PACK	103-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111
ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	89-95
ICE PACK	89-93
DUCKS	175-192

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-18.50	18.75-21.00	672,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.25	20.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-22.00	18.00-20.00	2,237,000	1,677,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.19	18.86		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were mixed but mostly normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	12.01
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 03, 2004

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED**

— PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	13.00-19.00	202,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-16.00	11.00-16.00	2,554,400	1,085,600
WTD AVERAGE	14.93	13.27		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-DEC-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15	10.5-11.5	11.14

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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